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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1 or 2 wherein the analysis of the m variables for the selected points involves analyzing relationships between the selected points.
- 4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the Hough transform is for detecting lines and maps a point (x,y) in image space to points (r,θ) in Hough space.